
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**May 24, 2011
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Shavit, Avital	Metro

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Nadler, Jonathan
Sangkapichai, Mana
Sherwood, Arnie

Via Teleconference:

Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cardoso, Adriann	OCTA
Crow, Jason	ARB
Estrella, Romeo	Caltrans, District 12
Fagan, Paul	Caltrans, District 8
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Joshi, Melissa	Caltrans, District 7
Kratovil, Aimee	FHWA
Krebs, Cindy	OCTA
Kuo, Ryan	SCAG
Louka, Tony	Caltrans, District 8
Tax, Wienke	EPA, Region 9
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Lori Abrishami, Metro, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 TCWG April 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes

- Under Information Item 4.2 *FTIP Update*, the consistency FTIP amendment will be processed concurrently with, not after, the 2012 RTP update.

The minutes were approved with the above clarification.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) SBD_201110

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.
(EPA concurrence received via email on May 24, 2011)

2) SBD_20020202

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3) SBDLS05

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4.2 FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP Amendment #6 and Administrative Modification #7 had received all the necessary approvals and the project listings had been posted on SCAG website.
- Amendment # 8 was under analysis by SCAG staff and expected to post on the website by the end of the week.

In response to a question, Mr. Asuncion stated that Amendment #8 would go through a 15-day public review after it has been posted. After the public review, the Amendment would be sent to Caltrans and federal agencies for their respective review and approval; however the approval timeline for the Amendment is not certain.

In response to a different question, Ryan Kuo, SCAG, stated that the projects that have been approved in Amendment # 8, which is an administrative FTIP Amendment, will become active as soon as the Amendment is approved. Projects that require modeling are not included in FTIP Amendments except for FTIP consistency amendments concurrent with new RTPs or formal RTP amendments.

4.3 RTP Update

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- The Baseline network for the 2012 RTP is being coded into the model. This is expected to be completed soon.
- SCAG staff has received projects for the constrained plan from most CTCs, and are working with the CTC to finalize this input. This input process is expected to be completed soon.
- Once the project list from the CTCs is finalized, SCAG staff expects to solicit model changes to FTIP projects through the FTIP Consistency Amendment. This will be the last round of solicitations from CTCs for the 2012 RTP. Staff expects that the solicitation process will begin in late June.

In response to a question, Mr. Kuo stated that the release of draft FTIP consistency amendment will coincide with the release of the draft 2012 RTP which is expected to be in December 2011. The adoption of both is expected to be in April 2012.

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4.4 EPA Update

Wienke Tax, EPA, reported the following:

- EPA staff continued working on the re-proposal of South Coast PM2.5 SIP which is expected to be in June. In addition, the Ozone SIP will be re-proposed shortly after that. The deadline of approval for the PM2.5 plan is September 30, 2011 and December 15, 2011 for the Ozone plan.

4.5 ARB Update

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- ARB had already submitted the PM2.5 SIP revisions to EPA and was working on the Ozone plan update. The Ozone plan update is expected to be presented to the ARB Board in July 2011.
- ARB staff continued working on the new EMFAC model but there is not a definite release date.

4.6 Air Districts Update

None

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, informed TCWG that the National Association of Regional Council (NARC) would hold its annual meeting in San Diego on June 13-15. More information can be found on the website: <http://www.narc.org>.

Mike Brady, Caltrans, reported that Caltrans continued to work with EPA on the EMFAC version of the upcoming Quantitative PM Hot-Spot Analyses Course. Mr. Brady expected a presentation at ARB in September and another presentation in Los Angeles Area later on this year. Mr. Brady also expected that the course will be available via a website.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on June 28, 2011 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.